

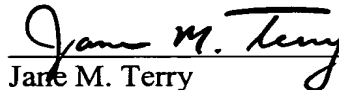
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-32 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-15 have been canceled, and new Claims 16-32 have been added. Original Claims 1-15 are based on Claims 1-15 of PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/01093, as originally filed. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for new Claim 16 can be found in original Claims 1 and 6, and on pages 1, 7 and 8 of the specification. Particular support for new Claims 19 and 20 can be found in original Claim 1. Particular support for Claims 17, 18, 21-26 and 29-32 can be found in original Claims 2, 3, 4-9 and 12-15, respectively. Particular support for new Claim 27 can be found in original Claim 10 and on page 6 of the specification. Particular support for new Claim 28 can be found in original Claim 11 and on pages 5-10 of the specification. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the new claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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